Misuse of funds by India Development and Relief Fund

2458. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any complaint that a US based voluntary organization, namely, the India Development and Relief Fund (IDRF) is channelising major portion of donations collected by them to communal party based NGOs which were involved in spreading hatred against minorities in India; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government to curb use of foreign funds in such a manner?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Installation of defective electricity meters by NDMC

†2459. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the old defective meters are installed even today in Sarojini Nagar, Lakhsmi Bai Nagar, Lodi Road and Gole Market Colonies of the NDMC areas and the reasons therefor and reasons for not-installing electronic meters in these areas;

(b) by when Government propose to install electronic meters in these areas;

(c) the reasons for not handing the power distribution to private sector and by when the same is likely to be done; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that consumers are charged replacement cost for burnt meters when they do not have any control over such situations, if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) and (b) The New Delhi Municipal Council installs duly tested electro-mechanical meters in all its colonies including

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Sarojini Nagar, Laxmi Bai Nagar, Lodi Road and Gole Market. The defective meters are replaced on receipt of complaints from the consumers as also when these are detected by the staff on duty. However, the replacement of electro-mechanical meters by electronic meters, being a costly proposition, is being carried out in a phased manner.

(c) The existing arrangement is working statisfactorily and there is no proposal under the consideration of the Government to assign this function in NDMC area to the private distribution companies.

(d) In order to discourage over-loading which is the primary cause of burning of meters, the cost replacement of burnt meters is charged to the consumers.

Recovery of antiques by Delhi Police

2460. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMAD KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Police has recently recovered statues made of ashthadhatu, having invaluable antique importance stolen from a remote village of Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details in this regard indicating the manner in which these statues were stolen and how those were recovered;

(c) whether taking advantage of drought condition prevailing in Rajasthan these antique thieves have targeted that State for their nefarious activities;

(d) whether some of the antiques have already been smuggled out of the country from some of the porous borders of Rajasthan; and

(e) the steps contemplated by Government to stop such trade?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.